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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, IT

SUBJECT: CIVAIR-FREE AND REDUCED RATE TRANSPORTATION

REF: STATE 156250

1. IN RESPONSE EMBASSY'S INFORMAL JULY 24 NOTIFICATION OF  
MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) ON OVERUSE FREE/REDUCED RATE  
TRANSPORTATION BY ALITALIA, AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMBASSY RECEIVED  
NOTE VERBALE DATED AUGUST 31 REQUESTING EMBASSY INTERVENTION SO  
THAT 400 PASSENGERS ANNUALLY LIMITATION DOES NOT BECOME APPLICABLE  
TO ALITALIA.

2. MFA NOTE EXPLAINS THAT SUCH FREE/REDUCED TRANSPORATION IS  
BASED ON GOI ORDER AND IS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH PRE-  
PARATIONS FOR HOLY YEAR WHICH BEGINS JANUARY 1, 1975. CAB LIMIT-  
ATION "WOULD BE SERIOUS AND COULD PROVOKE NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES".

3. PREPARING FOR MASSIVE INFLUX OF HOLY YEAR PILGRIMS DOES INDEED  
REQUIRE EXTENSIVE SPECIAL EFFORT, WHICH MAY ACCOUNT (AT LEAST IN  
PART) FOR RECENT INCREASE IN VOLUME OF FREE/REDUCED RATE TRANS-  
PORTATION PROVIDED BY ALITALIA. SUCH SPECIAL EFFORTS WILL EXTEND  
INTO 1975.

4. UNDER THESE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY BELIEVES EXEMPTION  
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FOR ALITALIA IS JUSTIFIED FOR REMAINDER 1974 AND FOR FIRST 4-6

MONTHS 1975. AFTER THIS PERIOD, HOWEVER, 400 PASSENGERS  
ANNUALLY LIMITATION SHOULD APPLY.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND CAB VIEWS IN ORDER  
RESPOND TO MFA NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.VOLPE

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